[Mr. R. Krishna Pillai.]

(3) If so, will the Government be pleased to make an investigation of the disease?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to take steps to fight out the disease, both by preventive and curative measures, utilising the most up-to-date methods available?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (1) and (2) The answer is in the affirmative.

(3) and (4). The prevalence of the disease among the poorer classes has already engaged the attention of the Darbar Physician and he has brought it to the notice of Government. The special officer now deputed for investigating malaria in the Padmanabhapuram Division will, in due course, visit the parts affected with 'yaws' and carry out his investigation on the subject.

The Champakad or Anjanad Irrigation Scheme.

64. MR. K. DOMINIC TOMMAN: (1) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the papers connected with the Champakad or Anjanad Irrigation Scheme in the Talayar valley?

(2) Are the Government aware that private agencies are prepared to undertake the irrigation work, if they are only permitted to divert a small quantity of water from the Pambayar?

(3) Are they also aware that the tail water after irrigating the Champakad fields will rejoin the Pambayar lower down?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (1) Office files will not be placed on the table of the House.

(2) No private applications of any recent date have been received.

(3) Yes. But there is no information as to how much of the water will rejoin the river at the tail end.

Government Press.

65. MR. V. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a list showing the following particulars regarding the printing machines and other accessories for printing and for moulding and casting type in the Government Press:

(i) the number and names of the machines and their value;

(ii) the date of purchase;

(iii) the number and names of the accessories and their value and date of purchase; and

(iv) whether all of them are in working order now?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: (i) & (ii) A statement * received from the Superintendent, Government Press, showing the number and names of the machines and their value with dates of purchase, is appended.

(iii) As regards the number and names of the accessories, it is reported that, as there is a large number of accessories of varying description that go along with the machinery, a comprehensive list of all of them cannot be prepared.

* *Vide* Appendix I-page 235.

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(iv) All the printing and casting machines mentioned in the list appended are reported to be in working order.

Poramboke Cases and Original Land Records.

66. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: With reference to the answer given to Question No. 34, at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 17th Karkadakam, 1097, that the Government were not aware of the fact that in *poramboke* cases the *ayacut* and *ozhugu* were not being examined, will the Government be pleased to state whether they have since taken steps to ascertain the truth and, if not, whether Government intend to make enquiries regarding it?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: The answer is in the negative. Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to lay down an obligatory rule that the officer competent to dispose of *poramboke* cases should, on his initiative, examine the *ayacut* and *ozhugu* accounts relating to the land forming the subject-matter of each case. But under Section 10 of Regulation IV of 1091 and under Sections 10 and 11 of the Rules issued thereunder, the officer will issue notices to the parties concerned and receive and consider any evidence that may be adduced by them. It is for the parties to produce the *ayacut* and *ozhugu* accounts before the officer as evidence, if they consider them to be helpful to their case. Circular orders have also been recently issued to the revenue officers to allow parties sufficient time and convenience to adduce evidence in *poramboke* cases.

Infantile Mortality.

67. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the report submitted by the Sanitary Commissioner, Mr. K. Madhavan Pillai, on infantile mortality?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI: A copy of the report* referred to is placed on the table.

Maintenance and Extension of the Alattura Channel.

68. MR. T. M. CHIDAMBARATANU PILLAI: (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount sanctioned for the maintenance of the Alattura channel cut from the Kadukkara hill of the Tovala taluk to the Pulikurichi tank, Tazhakudi?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state the amount expended each year from 1090 to 1097 for the maintenance of the Alattura channel?

(*c*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any idea of extending the Alattura channel as far as Mailadi, Kottaram and Cape Comorin and whether there is any correspondence as regards the matter?

(*d*) Has it been brought to the notice of Government that on many occasions the Tovala channel was breached as a result of allowing water to flow beyond the capacity of the channel?

* *Vide* Appendix II-page 236.

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APPENDIX I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 65.**]

Statement of printing machines, etc., in the Government Press.

No.	Name of Machine.	Year in which machine was obtained.	Cost as per last stock-taking.
			Rs.
1	Payne & Sons double demy Wharfedale ...	1082	2,000
2	Do. Double Crown ,, ...	1077	1,000
3	Do. ,, ...	1072	350
4	Do. ,, ...	,,	300
5	Do. ,, ...	1086	2,100
6	Do. ,, ...	,,	2,100
7	Do. ,, ...	,,	2,100
8	Do. ,, ...	,,	2,100
9	Do. ,, ...	1077	750
10	Do. by Dawson & Sons with geared inkers, &c. ...	1089	4,290
11	Demy Babcock standard cylinder machine.	1082	1,500
12	Demy Wharfedale by Payne & Sons.	1077	700
13	Royal folio Caxton Platen machine by Haddon. ...	1082	250
14	New standard model crown Falcon.	...	1,670
15	Double demy Centurette Machine.	1092	5,999
16	Crown folio Cropper Platen ...	1092	911
17	Foolscap folio Arab Platen ...	1096	2,707
18	William Dawson & Sons, Standardised Wharfedale single colour double crown size machine with geared inkers, etc., and all accessories ...	1096	13,842
19	Type-casting machine by Hamild & Sons. ...	1077	120
20	Do. by Wood Mele & Co. ...	1082	250
21	Do Do. ...	,,	250
22	Bannerman's type-casting machine.	1092	1,302

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